

Amendment in response to
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REMARKS

Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 – 15 and 17 – 24 remain in the application. Claims 5, 8 – 10 and 19 are allowed. Claims 2 – 4, 6, 14 – 18 and 20 – 24 are finally rejected. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 16 are canceled. Claims 3, 9, 19 and 21 – 24 are amended by this proposed amendment. Although this Amendment is being timely filed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Claims 5, 8 – 10 and 19 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Responsive thereto, claim 21, from which claim 5 depends, is amended to include the recitations of claim 5 and intervening claims 4 and 2. Therefore, claim 21 is canceled claim 5 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims 5, 4, 2. Thus, claim 21 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable. Claim 24 is likewise amended to include the recitations of claim 5 and intervening claims 4 and 2. Thus, claim 24 and all claims depending therefrom also are believed to be allowable.

Responsive to the objection to claims 8 – 10 and 19, claim 22, from which claim 8 depends, is amended to include the recitations of claim 8. Therefore, claim 22 is canceled claim 8 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 8. Thus, claim 22 and all claims depending therefrom are allowable. Claim 23 is likewise amended to include the recitations of claim 8. Thus, claim 23 and all claims depending therefrom also are believed to be allowable. Entry of the amendment, consideration and allowance of claims 21 – 24 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 – 4, 6, 14 – 18 and 20 – 24 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,446,127 to Schuster et al. in view of U.S Patent Publication No.

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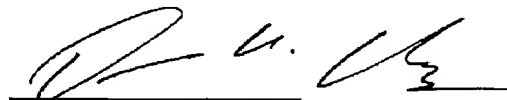
2003/0058,277 to Bowman – Amuah, alone or further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,209,018 to Ben-Sachar et al. and Official Notice. However, amendment to claims 21 – 24 obviates any need for discussion of the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Entry of the amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection of claims 21 – 24 and any claims depending therefrom, is respectfully requested.

The applicants thank the Examiner for efforts, both past and present, in examining the application. Believing the amendment to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter of the amendment, reconsider and withdraw the final rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and allow the application to issue.

Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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